

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1-10 as noted below. Please cancel claim 11.

1. (currently amended) A liquid crystal display comprising liquid crystal cells having a vertical alignment mode liquid crystal layer and sheet polarizers located on both sides of each liquid crystal cell, wherein a laminated retardation layer is interposed between at least one of said liquid crystal layer cells and one of said sheet polarizers, said laminated retardation layer obtained by lamination of a retardation layer having positive index anisotropy and an optical axis in a layer plane and a retardation layer having negative index anisotropy and an optical axis in a normal direction to a layer plane, wherein a stretched polymer film having inverse chromatic dispersion that causes retardation defined by an optical path difference between extraordinary light and ordinary light to become small as wavelength becomes short is used as said retardation layer having positive index anisotropy and an optical axis in a layer plane, and a coating layer having normal chromatic dispersion that causes retardation defined by an optical path difference between extraordinary light and ordinary light to become large as wavelength becomes short is used as said retardation layer having negative index anisotropy and an optical axis in a normal direction to a layer plane.

2. (currently amended) The ~~laminated retardation layer~~  
liquid crystal display according to claim 1, wherein a  
polycarbonate film having a fluorene skeleton, obtained by  
stretching a liquid crystal-containing polycarbonate film, is  
used as said stretched polymer film having inverse chromatic  
dispersion.

3. (currently amended) The ~~laminated retardation layer~~  
liquid crystal display according to claim 1, wherein a cellulose  
acetate film, obtained by stretching a cellulose acetate film, is  
used as said stretched polymer film having inverse chromatic  
dispersion.

4. (currently amended) The ~~laminated retardation layer~~  
liquid crystal display according to claim 1, wherein a film,  
obtained by forming into a film a mixture of an aromatic  
polyester polymer having normal chromatic dispersion and an  
aromatic polyester polymer having inverse chromatic dispersion  
and stretching said film, is used as said stretched polymer film  
having inverse chromatic dispersion.

5. (currently amended) The ~~laminated retardation layer~~  
liquid crystal display according to claim 1, wherein a film,  
obtained by forming into a film a polymer comprising a copolymer  
containing monomer units capable of yielding polymers having  
different chromatic dispersions and stretching said film, is used

as said stretched polymer film having inverse chromatic dispersion.

6. (currently amended) The ~~laminated retardation layer~~ liquid crystal display according to claim 1, wherein a composite film, obtained by lamination of two stretched films having different chromatic dispersions, is used as said stretched polymer film having inverse chromatic dispersion.

7. (currently amended) The ~~laminated retardation layer~~ liquid crystal display according to claim 1, wherein a polymerizable chiral nematic (cholesteric) liquid crystal layer is used as said coating layer having normal chromatic dispersion.

8. (currently amended) The ~~laminated retardation layer~~ liquid crystal display according to claim 1, wherein a polymerizable discotic liquid crystal of homeotropic orientation is used as said coating layer having normal chromatic dispersion.

9. (currently amended) The ~~laminated retardation layer~~ liquid crystal display according to any one of claims 1 to 6, wherein a material that has negative index anisotropy and an optical axis in a normal direction to a layer plane upon coating is used as said coating layer having normal chromatic dispersion.

10. (currently amended) A process for fabrication of a laminated retardation layer of the liquid crystal display as

recited in any one of claims 1 to 8, wherein said stretched polymer film having inverse chromatic dispersion is used as a substrate, and a polymerizable liquid crystal layer is coated and oriented on one surface of said substrate for polymerization, thereby forming said polymerizable liquid crystal layer having normal chromatic dispersion into a film.

11. (canceled)